

A WHEELING TRIUMPH.

The Record of Dr. Charles Lincoln Smith a Surprise.

Five Hundred Cases of Defective and Impaired Vision Positively Cured By His Exclusive Method.

Some six weeks ago Dr. Charles Lincoln Smith, a famous eye expert of New York, came to this city with letters of recommendation from people of high standing throughout the country to our leading citizens. Securing suitable apartments on the second floor of the McLure house, they were fitted up with especial regard to the delicate character of the work in which Dr. Smith is so proficient.

His fame had preceded him, and no wonder had he made known his arrival than his apartments were visited by the most select people of this city. Many of them had been advised of the doctor's skill by letters from their friends in eastern and western cities, who had been cured through the method of treatment which originated with Dr. Smith. Vouched by personal friends who had undoubted evidence of his superior skill as evidenced in their own cases, they felt no hesitation in undergoing treatment with Dr. Smith, and the immediate improvement, wherein so many instances local practitioners had failed, assured them that he stood at the head of his profession and was entitled to the words of praise he had secured from patients in the past in every city in which he has practiced. Every patient that the Doctor has treated is enthusiastic in recommending his ability, skill and method, and of the five hundred cases he has treated, not a single failure has been recorded. This phenomenal record has filled his rooms every day. From every section of the city there is a demand for his services, and his successful career has brought to Dr. Smith a regiment of friends and among the optical (?) profession of the city much uncalled for emity. He has uttered no word uncomplimentary of these gentlemen and their inimical words will meet with no notice from him. Their insignificance destroys the weight of such adverse criticism. No past success has ever come without its detractors, but ability, skill and merit must inevitably predominate.

During the short time that Dr. Smith has been in our midst he has made a host of friends, who have made his visit to Wheeling most pleasant.

He desires to thank his patrons. The confidence reposed in his skill has never been betrayed, and the patrons of to-day are the recommendations of the future. Dr. Smith has already long remained beyond the time he had decided to stay and constant demands have come from his home office in New York. If you are desirous of advice and treatment but a short time yet remains in which to gain the benefit of Dr. Smith's great experience.

WHO THEY ARE.

A Few of the Cases Under Dr. Smith's Care.

Not a Failure Recorded in the Hundred of Cases Treated by This Famous Eye Expert in Wheeling.

Mr. Edward Wagner, wholesale merchant, located at M. Kelly's old stand on Main street, is another of Dr. Charles Lincoln Smith's patients. Mr. Wagner began business in a small way. A retail store under his attention and able management was extended from time to time until he has built up a large wholesale trade and is regarded as one of the most substantial and influential of our leading business men. Mr. Wagner states that through the doctor's method and prescription glasses he had been immensely benefited, and he feels doubly grateful, as he has been treated with indifferent success by others in the past.

Capt. Everett A. Thomas, of the steamer *Lizzie Townsend*, residing on West Morgan street, Bridgeport, O., hearing of the wonderful success of Dr. Charles Lincoln Smith, decided some two weeks since to place his fourteen-year-old daughter Myrtle, under his care. The little girl had almost entirely lost the sight of one eye, and had been wearing a pair of glasses for some time past that were materially decreasing her chance of recovering the imperiled sight. She was also a great sufferer from headaches, a direct result of the optical affection. By the aid of Dr. Smith's method and prescription glasses a complete cure has been effected in her case.

One of the most influential citizens of our sister city, Martin's Ferry, Mr. L. Spence, began life as a farmer's boy on an Ohio farm. Attention to business brought him reward, and by slow stages he advanced until he has become one of the wealthiest and most prominent men of that bustling river town. The midnight oil was often burned in gaining the knowledge necessary to a thorough business career, and brought it attendant trouble, and for years Mr. Spence has been greatly annoyed by defective vision. He tried various remedies and glasses and stated that by the aid of Dr. Charles Lincoln Smith's method and prescription glasses his vision is now perfect and he has no eye trouble whatever.

W. E. F. Connelly, clerk at the Pan Handle freight office, residing at 1308 Jacob street, states that "My wife has been afflicted for the past two or three years with watering of the eyes and severe headaches. We tried the method and prescription glasses of Dr. Charles Lincoln Smith, and she has had more comfort with them than we ever expected was possible; in fact, her headaches have disappeared entirely and her eyes and vision are now perfect. He also made a most satisfactory pair of glasses for myself."

The Rev. Montgomery, of Cameron, W. Va., who is conducting the revival services at the Third Presbyterian church, in this city, has been wearing a pair of strong magnifying glasses for years. Through the method and skill of Dr.

Charles Lincoln Smith, the muscular weakness of his eye-balls has been corrected.

One of the most popular officials in the city's employ is Charles Watkins, ex-assistant city clerk, but elected to the office of city clerk at the recent election, is another of Dr. Smith's admirers, as the doctor has done most skillful work in the cases of his wife and daughter, Miss Edna.

Henry Foster, of No. 39 Main street, a well-known iron roller, has also secured a set of Dr. Smith's prescription glasses, with which he was highly satisfied. His wife has also secured a pair of these celebrated glasses.

Homer R. Reynolds, the well known clerk at the Stamm House, who resides at No. 29 Twenty-third street, has a little daughter, Mary, nine years of age, whom they were obliged to take out of school on account of defective vision. The method and prescription glasses of Dr. Charles Lincoln Smith have restored her sight and she has again entered school.

The Rev. William Anderson, pastor of the Chapline Street Methodist Episcopal church, is also a patient of Dr. Charles Lincoln Smith.

Some five hundred cases have already been successfully treated by Dr. Smith up to this time, in Wheeling and vicinity.

Dr. Charles Lincoln Smith numbers many residents of Bellaire, Benwood, Bridgeport and Martin's Ferry in his list of patients.

EYES, BUT THEY SEE NOT.

That's the Trouble With Many People on This Earth—Such a Condition, However, Is Deploable, and Should be Remedied. It Can be by a Proper Treatment—Wheeling People Have the Opportunity to Apply This Remedy Now, and Many of Them Have Given It a Practical Test.

The Intelligencer takes great pleasure in calling the attention of its readers to the fact that Dr. Charles Lincoln

Smith, the leading eye expert of the east, is stopping at the McLure House in this city, where he can be seen and consulted each day in the week, absolutely free of charge. He is not what is known as an eye doctor, nor a spectacle fiend, but is a practical eye expert, who makes a careful and thorough study of the eye of the patients and treats them just as surgeons treat other defects of the body. He does not apply magnifying glasses when they are not needed, but fits scientifically ground lenses, which aid nature in re-asserting itself. Many thousands of young people who have defects in their eyesight have had their eyes practically ruined by wearing glasses that magnify the objects that came within the range of their vision. If you once begin to use such glasses you cannot stop it—you must continue. But this the doctor avoids. If a patient with a weak ankle visits a surgeon, he does not build a solid frame support around it, but he applies the needed bandages and gives the weak part a chance to grow into its normal condition.

That's just what the doctor does to the eyes of those who apply to him for treatment.

And in the nearly five hundred cases he has had in this city and county, he has never made a mistake. No one has put their trust in his skill and gone away without the needed relief.

That is the great secret in his success. When a patient calls on him he applies a few simple, practical tests and soon knows just what is the matter.

He does not guess at it, for he knows. Then, when he knows just what is the matter, he applies the remedy, which his twenty-two years of education and experience has taught him is proper in such cases, and we want to re-assert again and again that he has never made a mistake.

His books are open to the inspection of the public, and any one who desires can see who his patients are and what has been done for them. Every patient is a party to whom he cheerfully refers those who wish to know about his successful methods of doing business.

The doctor has been in this city for about six weeks, during this visit, and this is the most remarkable thing in connection with his work. He came here with the intention of remaining but a week, but has been unable to get away. Business interests in New York City are calling him, but he has always a dozen or more patients on hand who are waiting to be benefited by his skill.

THEY INDORSE HIM.

Our Leading Citizens Speak Words of Praise.

Dr. Charles Lincoln Smith's Success in Wheeling is Gratefully Vouched by Bankers and Business Men—Cured Through His Skill.

Many prominent citizens have had impaired vision restored. Nothing marvelous, only scientific assistance to nature.

A Young Lady, Nineteen Years Old, Suffered Four Years, Now Completely Cured.

About two weeks ago our family physician, advised me to go and consult Charles Lincoln Smith about my headaches and itching and burning of my eyes. I had a sort of cloud over my eyes at times. Charles Lincoln Smith examined my eyes and made the glasses. I have no headache whatever now, and my glasses do not trouble me in the least. I had glasses made twice before by other parties, but they made my ailments worse. I have been in misery with my eyes for the last four years; now I am completely cured.

MISS TILLIE REDLINGER.

For many years my wife has been an intense sufferer from constant headache—which had almost made her an invalid—and poor vision, hardly being able to sew or read for the past three years. We have tried almost every remedy without relief. Having heard of your success in treating others, I concluded to try your skill, and I wish to state that by your method and prescription glasses she is now a well woman and has no head trouble whatsoever, and her sight is now perfect.

Most sincerely,
FRANK SHIPMAN.

Rev. David A. Cunningham, D.D., LL. D., pastor First Presbyterian church, states:

To whom it may concern:—This is to certify that I have a personal acquaint-



DR. CHARLES LINCOLN SMITH.

The successful New York Eye Expert remains a short time longer at the McLure House, Private Parlor 149. Ladies' entrance on Twelfth street. Consultation free. Office hours, 10 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., and 7 p. m. to 8 p. m.

ance with Dr. Charles Lincoln Smith and that I regard his skill and reliability as unquestionable. He has demonstrated his skill in my case in making me a priceless pair of glasses, which have given me back the most perfect vision, and as he comes here with the strongest credentials from some of the most prominent people of the United States, some of whom are my personal friends, therefore I do not hesitate to commend him and hope he will have the success he deserves in our city and community.

DAVID A. CUNNINGHAM,
Pastor First Presbyterian church.

H. L. Bond.

H. L. Bond, proprietor of the C. C. Shoe Company, Main street, one of the best known shoe merchants in the city, who resides at No. 79 Maryland street, says:

For some time my wife has been very seriously afflicted with constant headaches, which were impairing her health. We had no idea that the trouble originated in the eyes, until we consulted Dr. Charles Lincoln Smith, who, by his method and prescription glasses, made a grand success in her case, for which I am sincerely grateful.

H. L. BOND.

A. B. Booth.

Asa Booth, the well known former river pilot, who resides at No. 134 North Front street, states:

That his wife has been greatly annoyed with her eyes, which caused her very severe headaches and other kindred evils. Dr. Charles Lincoln Smith recently made her a set of his prescription glasses, which are doing wonders for her, and I regard the doctor as all right.

A. B. BOOTH.

Rev. W. H. Hayden.

Rev. W. H. Hayden, pastor of the First Christian church, states: "That he 'has put his eyes under the care of Dr. Charles Lincoln Smith, and he cannot speak too highly of his method and skill and reliability.'"

REV. W. H. HAYDEN,
No. 72 Indiana street.

Rev. J. L. McCutcheon.

Rev. J. L. McCutcheon, pastor of the First Baptist church, states: "That his wife is a patient of Dr. Charles Lincoln Smith, and he regards the doctor's skill as unsurpassed."

REV. J. L. McCUTCHEON,
No. 47 Maryland Street.

W. H. Anderson, Superintendent City Schools.

Office Superintendent City Schools, Public Library Building. Dr. Charles Lincoln Smith.

DEAR SIR:—Of late I have had a

good deal of trouble with my eyes, after using them for a continuous period. I have had headache and dizziness. I have tried various kinds of glasses, but have found none to exactly suit me. Your method and prescription glasses meet the case to a nicety.

It is with confidence that I recommend your method and skill to those who have defective vision or eye trouble.

Yours very truly,
W. H. ANDERSON,
Superintendent City Schools.

EFFECT OF EYE STRAIN.

Children Who Are Not to Blame For Their Dullness.

The influence of the eyesight upon intellectual work is more recognized each year by educators, both in this country and Europe, and some of the most important discussions among both teachers and physicians bear upon this subject. One of the most lucid articles treating on the various varied kind of eye imperfection is "Eye Strain in Connection with Headaches, Neuralgia and Nervous disturbances," contributed by Dr. Charles Lincoln Smith, now stopping at the McLure House.

The most common cause of annoyance and suffering is farsightedness, having its origin in the position of the principal focus or parallel rays of light behind the retina; near sightedness, in which the parallel rays of light are brought to focus before the retina; errors of refraction, due to the irregular curvature of the cornea and insufficiency of weakness of muscles of the eyeballs. It is useful for both parents and teachers to recognize the seriousness of the symptoms of strain due to any of these eye imperfections. From far sightedness comes easy fatigue of eyes, aching sensations in the eyeballs, finally persistent and obstinate muscular irritation and burning pain. The eye strain is felt more particular at the end of the week. Near sighted people suffer equal discomfort from working any length of time. Dr. Charles Lincoln Smith adds that near sighted persons squint or blink in order to see at a distance, and that those "dreamy eyes that haunt me ever," about which amorous swains become poetic, are un-

physician said that in the course of his practice he has found that many people suffering from various pains in the head and other nervous disturbances which are frequently produced by errors of refraction in the eye could only be cured or relieved by properly fitted glasses. "But," says the Doctor, "in order to find this relief one must be careful and have the glasses carefully adjusted, or else more harm than good will be the result. A person to properly fit glasses must have a thorough knowledge of his business."

A WRONG VIEW.

Free Consultations and Reasonable Charges the Secret of Dr. Smith's Success.

In the short time that Dr. Charles Lincoln Smith has been in our city he has gained the confidence and good will of our wealthiest citizens, who have been under his skillful treatment. Many people have therefore, seemingly gained the erroneous impression that his charges are beyond their means and as a consequence have refrained from visiting him when they really require the services that he can alone render them.

Dr. Smith desires to expressly understand that his charges are within the reach of all. The laboring man, mechanic, clerk, merchant or banker are equally liable to defective vision, and the doctor treats people from every walk in life. If you are suffering from any of the symptoms which indicate that your eyes require attention, remember that it costs nothing to gain Dr. Smith's opinion. Consultation is free to every one, and that you can be advised exactly as to what is wrong and what the glasses necessary to correct the defect will cost.

Dr. Smith urgently requests that all who are suffering in the least degree from impaired vision or its consequent ailments, come to his rooms and enjoy the privileges of a free consultation. There is absolutely no charge until you are satisfied that he can render you the necessary service and it is guaranteed that the charge will be in keeping with your purse.

THE GOOD WORK.

Being Accomplished by the Home for Aged and Friendless Women Detailed in the President's Annual Report.

At the annual meeting of the West Virginia Home for Aged and Friendless Women, the annual report of the president of the board of lady managers, Mrs. D. A. Cunningham, was presented. As it contains some items which will be of interest to the friends of the home and will also help the general public to understand something of the work done by this institution, and its needs, it is given in full below:

To the Board of Directors of the West Virginia Home for Aged and Friendless Women—it is with sincere pleasure we present to you a report of the working of the home during the last twelve months. We need not recall to you the pleasant occasion when the new and remodeled house was finished and opened to the public. Donations then received, in money and needed table supplies, as well as the generous donations sent from New Cumberland and Wellsburg, have greatly helped in furnishing the table with nourishing food.

We have admitted two permanent and thirty-seven temporary inmates during the past year. We have had many applications from nearby towns, but the liberal reading of our rules has been adhered to except in one case, and this person concluded at last not to enter. From temporary inmates we received only two dollars this year. We have at present a family of nineteen, of whom eleven are permanent. Some of these are great sufferers, and on all the hands of infirmity is visible.

In looking over the bit of history which covers the nine years of the life of our organization, we have only praise and thankfulness to utter to Him who has guided and led us all the way. Only one of our managers has been called away, but we rejoice in the assurance that she has gone from labor here, to a glorious reward in heaven.

Our treasury has suffered from the general business depression, and as a result we are now owing bills of some months. Winter is here with its increased demands, and we turn to our board of directors with the question, "What are we to do?" The work is not discouraging. Three hundred and sixty-seven were admitted during these nine years. Eight children were born in the home; five adults and two children died. It is a principal of humanity to care for the aged, who have labored through the heat and burden of the day. A German proverb much quoted in that country is, "The old should be honored and cared for, and the young instructed." This organization has been doing this from its beginning. The transient inmates have been instructed and directed to walk in the paths of virtue and rectitude, and the aged have been ministered unto.

The report of the treasurer, Mr. J. A. Bell, was also presented. Summarized, it was as follows: January 14, 1896, balance on hand, \$264.45; January 22, 1897, receipts to date, \$3,621.02; total, \$3,885.47; January 22, 1897, disbursements to date, \$3,750.77; balance, \$134.70.

MR. HALL REMEMBERED.

By the Employees of the City Water Board Office Yesterday.

Yesterday afternoon the last meeting of the present water board was held in the board's office in the city building, and affairs played in good shape for the new board, which holds its initial meeting on Wednesday, after being sworn in before council this evening. A feature of the meeting was the presentation to the retiring member, Mr. John H. Hall, of a handsome umbrella, by the employees of the water office. The presentation was made by Secretary John E. Schelhaas, who distinguished himself in flights of oratory such as his friends did not believe him capable of. Mr. Hall responded feelingly.

THE LEMONN SELLS OUT.

A Wheeling Oil Company Disposes of Its Cairo Interests.

The Lemmon Oil Company, made up mainly of Wheeling people, has disposed of its interests in the Cairo field, in Ritchie county, this state, to Ahrens & Company, of Jamestown, New York, for \$2,200. As the Lemmon drilled but one well, which was a dry hole, the stockholders are very well satisfied to sell out at a profit above the expenditures for lease and construction of the well. Some of the local stockholders were J. G. Tomlinson, Herman Schockey, Howard Thompson, James Stewart and H. J. Arbenz. The purchasers of the Lemmon holdings will give the territory another chance to prove whether the investment is good or bad.

In Clerk Robertson's Office.

Yesterday in Clerk Robertson's office, marriage licenses were issued as follows: Henry Eckert, twenty-three years, and Annie Miller, twenty-one years, of Allegheny county, Pa.

George D. Evans, Jr., twenty-three years, and Mary Curtis, twenty-three years, of Wheeling.

A power of attorney was recorded, from the International Exposition, Development and Investment Company, of Toronto, Ontario, Dominion of Canada, to William Erskine.

One deed was recorded as follows: Deed made February 7, by Joseph B. Nolte and wife to Mrs. Lena Hawkins of Wheeling; consideration \$400; transferring the one-third interest in the north half of lot 56, in Joseph Caldwell's subdivision to the city of Wheeling.

To Meet in Wheeling.

The executive committee of the Wheeling Knights Templar having in charge the arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the knights who will be in Wheeling on the second Wednesday in May, on the occasion of the biennial encampment of the West Virginia grand commandery, is moving and very soon sub-committees to assist in the work will be appointed. It is anticipated that the encampment will be one of the best in point of attendance yet held in this state.

Peculiar Accident.

The east wall of the LaBelle tin house sank over two feet, on Sunday, and work was begun on a new wall, yesterday. The reason given for the wall sinking is a carious pipe. The wall was built directly over a sewer, and the constant use of acid in the tin house is said to have eaten the bars of the sewer grating, which extended for some distance along the wall.

ARE WE RIGHT-EYED OR LEFT-EYED?

Few people know, says Dr. Charles Lincoln Smith, that besides size, shape and color, their eyes differ in visual force and in power of accommodation; and also that some faults affect only one of them. It is an established fact that we all use one eye, the right or the left, in preference when looking through a glass or taking aim with a gun. We are right or left-eyed, as we are left or right-handed or footed. If we do not perceive this ourselves, oculists remark it. The ignorance of most people on the subject is illustrated by those buying glasses without taking account of any difference between the eyes. Thus only one of the eyes is helped, while the other one, being less called into exercise, becomes less and less useful, and loses its power, as a tool rusts when it is not in use.

Yet both our eyes are needed to see well. It becomes therefore, highly important to observe how the child uses its eyes, in order to correct those attitudes which tend to injury of the sight as well as the health. Children, in writing, rarely fail to give the head an inclination by which the eyes are placed at unequal distance from the paper. They are part to incline the head too far, and acquire the habit of bringing it too near, as when trying to accommodate themselves to a feeble light. Not sufficient attention, we think, is given these matters, especially when we consider the consequences of such habits in mature age. A large proportion of our defects originate in want of proper care during childhood. We do wrong to such wonderful tools as our senses when we do not give them the education they need. It is not surprising that parents who are so particular about the way their children hold their knife or spoon pay so little attention to the way they use their eyes.

DR. CHARLES LINCOLN SMITH'S EXPERIENCE IS ENORMOUS.

IF YOU HAVE BLURRING DIZZINESS, NEURALGIA, HEADACHE, SPOTS BEFORE THE EYES, INFLAMMATION, GRANULATION, WINKING, TREMBLING SPELLS, CATARACT, BURNING AND SMARTING OF THE EYES, VARIOUS NERVOUS AND BRAIN AFFECTIONS, ENTAILING NOT ONLY POSITIVE INJURY TO THE EYES, BUT UNTOLD MISERY, CALL IMMEDIATELY.

IT IS NOT A FAD.

Why So Many People Wear Spectacles.

They Relieve Them of Much Misery, Which They Ascribe to Other Causes Than Defective Eyesight.

Many years ago it used to be an uncommon thing to see a young person wearing eye-glasses or spectacles, while to-day science has become so far advanced that they grind lenses adapted to even an infant's vision. It is a common thing to see spectacles on children. What has caused this change? Are the people of the latter generation more defective in their eye-sight than were their forefathers? Not a bit of it; the people are becoming more enlightened, that is all.

An Intelligencer reporter was talking with a well-known physician on this topic to-day and he said that the people are getting over the idea that spectacles and eye-glasses were made only for old people and dudes. They realize that all classes of people at all ages are liable to have defective vision, and the prejudice to eye-glasses is fast disappearing. Many persons who have been treated for years for nervous disturbances without relief have found immediate relief in a properly adjusted pair of eye-glasses, and it is frequently the case now with physicians to direct patients to an oculist for a cure. In conversation upon this subject the